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We await with great solicitude more definite intelligence concerning the recent battles beyond Chattanooga. The first reports were greatly exaggerated. The conflict on Saturday and Sunday was undoubtedly terrible; yet Rosecrans not only maintained his position against all the impetuous charges of the rebels in heavy numbers, but drove them a considerable distance. There is no doubt of the heavy reinforcements which the Confederates have received, and our gallant soldiers have large odds to encounter. It seems that Gen. Burnside did not participate in the reported battles, but since he has unquestionably formed a junction with Rosecrans, and their combined numbers will be able to resist any offensive movements of the rebels, while they have their strongly fortified base at Chattanooga to fall back upon, if necessary. We have every confidence in the veteran army of the Cumberland, with two such leaders as Rosecrans and Burnside, serious disaster or defeat is almost impossible. We may be able to give our readers more news in our telegraphic despatches on the next page.

RAILROAD TO EAST TENNESSEE—GENERAL LESLIE COMES.—The Frankfort Commonwealth says the railroad to East Tennessee "is being pressed forward with a vigor which guarantees a speedy and complete success." This is cheering intelligence. It will be followed with universal gratification by the loyal people of the State. "Many of our citizens" in the Commonwealth remarks in reference to this important enterprise, "feared that it would fall through and that the impression of slaves was a mere trick to mask an inferior and improper purpose. The energy and earnestness with which the work is being undertaken and pressed forward will we hope dispel all such fears." Our Frankfort contemporary proceeds very forcibly to point out the importance of the enterprise. "The road," says the Commonwealth, "if built in the midst of the terrible convulsions which have agitated the country, will be one of the greatest achievements of the age, and its influence upon the country in adding another link to hold it together, and another means of bringing the two sections nearer to each other, will be incalculable. The consequences to Kentucky and East Tennessee will be in the highest degree beneficial. The material good and benefits which these States will derive will more than make up the losses which they have sustained in other respects." This estimate is just. It is not in the least overdrawn. Both the moral and material good of the enterprise when completed will unquestionably prove immense.

It would be unjust in this relation to omit properly to assign the honor of first suggesting the work in question. The Commonwealth is not guilty of such injustice. "It is just to truth and history" on contemporary fifty adds, "that the proper credit should be given to those who first suggested this great work. It is known to many, not only in Kentucky, but throughout the Union, that this credit is due to Gen. Leslie Combs, who at the breaking out of this rebellion not only made the suggestion for the road, but, by all his well-known energy and pertinacity, urged its speedy construction. His plans, maps, and suggestions were laid before the authorities at Washington—the propriety, wisdom, and necessity of such a road brought to the knowledge of the public in divers ways. His efforts, though covered over by the President, were, for the time, fruitless, because of the opposition of a foolish Congress who could see nothing valuable that did not have the negro in it. Congress refused to second the wise foresight of the President; and not until a recent date was the work undertaken. The President saw and recognized its value, and so thoroughly did he believe in it, that he brought the matter to the attention of Congress in his message. We rejoice, and all Kentuckians will rejoice if this road is built. We hope that all the necessary aid will be given by the Government, and that nothing will be allowed to interfere with those who are charged with its construction." In this hope we cordially join, as we do also in the well-deserved tribute to the patriotic and gallant Combs.

General Leslie Combs is a son of whom Kentucky is proud. And she may well be. He is a son after her own heart. He is deservedly a favorite of the whole family. In sagacity, in energy, in public spirit, in fidelity to the noble instincts of his native Commonwealth, and in unselfish devotion to the true principles of the government, General Leslie Combs stands now, as he has stood from the days of his early manhood, in the very front rank of the foremost men of Kentucky. He is indeed a marvellous man. He has measured himself with honor against three generations, and is ready for the fourth. His fine powers and his glorious sympathies are as fresh now as they were half a century ago. His soul at least is still "in the moon and liquid dew of youth." He is as vital in his virtues as Cleopatra was in her charms.

Age cannot with him, nor custom stale.

Long may he live to enjoy the favor of Kentucky and the love of Kentuckians.

THE OFFICERS OF NEGRO REGIMENTS.—A Washington letter, dated the 8th inst., published in the New York Times, has the following important information relative to an important question which has been interposed by the Confederates in providing for a general exchange of prisoners:

A gentleman from New York, the father of an officer in one of our colored regiments, who is now a prisoner in the hands of the rebels, has written to the President, asking what policy would be pursued by the government in regard to exchanging prisoners and urged upon the President to consent to no exchange unless the rebels exchange white officers of colored regiments for their prisoners of war.

The President's answer was, "We have no power to effect the release of these officers and all others who are now prisoners in the South, but he was not prepared, nor would he consider it, to make any arrangement of officers with the rebels, excepting an immediate restoration to the renewal of exchanges. This government was prepared to exchange man for man with the rebels, even should they refuse to release officers or colored soldiers in their hands. This would be done, however, if the Government considered it unfair to make the cases of a few officers a test question, when by the removal of these regiments, the main risks incidental to their position, and for the present must endure the disagreeable consequences. The President, however, assured the general that the number of our colored soldiers would cause retulsion on our part upon the rebel prisoners in their hands."

Some men seem neutral between the Union and the rebellion, and quite as many seem neutral between heaven and hell.

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